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In re the Application of

Jean-Louis VIOVY et al.

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Application No.: 10/582,868

Examiner:

E. WHISENANT

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For:

METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS FOR ASSAYING MUTATIONS IN NUCLEIC ACIDS

AND THEIR USES IN DIAGNOSIS OF GENETIC DISEASES AND CANCERS

LARGE ENTITY PETITION FOR 1st - 3rd EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) AND TRANSMITTAL OF FEE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.17

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